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(54) Title: SUBSTITUTED 2-ARYLMETHYLENE-N-ARYL-N'-ARYL-MALONAMIDES AND ANALOGS AS ACTIVATORS OF CASPASES AND INDUCERS OF APOPTOSIS

(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to substituted 2-arylmethylene-N-aryl-N'-aryl-malonamides and analogs thereof. The present invention also relates to the discovery that the compounds are activators of caspases and inducers of apoptosis. Therefore, the activators of caspases and inducers of apoptosis of this invention can be used to induce cell death in a variety of clinical conditions in which uncontrolled growth and spread of anormal cells occurs.



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